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## **Hearing: “Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget: Enhancing Preparedness for First Responders”**

**WHO:** Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and  
Technology  
Chairman Dave Reichert (R-WA)

**WHEN:** 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2006

**WHERE:** 311 Cannon House Office Building

### **WITNESS**

**The Honorable George W. Foresman**  
Under Secretary for Preparedness  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

### **BACKGROUND**

The Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology will evaluate the President’s Fiscal Year 2007 budget request for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s new Preparedness Directorate. Specifically, Members will discuss how the proposed budget request will affect the nation’s first responders. Secretary Michael Chertoff created the Preparedness Directorate as part of Second-Stage Review of DHS in July 2005. This will be the first appearance of George Foresman before Congress as the new Under Secretary for Preparedness.

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